

Maundy Thursday Service (April 17, 2025)

Holy Communion

Opening Rites

Prelude

Celebrant

Welcome to our Maundy Thursday Service. Tonight, we remember the last day of Christ before He was arrested and crucified—namely, the institution of the Last Supper, the teaching on greatness during the Washing of the Disciples Feet, and His impending Betrayal. Let us observe this time with reverence, reflecting on Christ’s great love despite our own unworthiness.

Opening Song

#133 - “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Verse 1

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock,
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

Verse 2

Upon the cross of Jesus,
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears,
two wonders I confess,
the wonders of His glorious love,
and my unworthiness.

“在主的十字架下 ”

- 1 在主的十字架下，
我無力可站住，
看見我主慘死情形，
不禁的眼淚流，
主受苦難是為着我，
為着背逆的我，
我的心受主的愛感激，
受我主的愛感激。
- 2 從主的十字架邊，
我不願意遷徙，
只要仰望我主的面，
想祂怎樣愛我，
我決意放棄全世界，
永住我主身邊，
我的心充滿救主的愛，
充滿主甜蜜的愛。

Verse 3

I take, O cross, thy shadow,
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

3 從主的十字架上，
射出奇妙的光，
救主為我不怕羞恥，
罪孽祂都擔當，
我要拚命宣揚十架，
報答我主的愛，
十字架永是我的榮耀，
永遠是我的榮耀。

Greeting

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer or any other appropriate prayer

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries gave us a pledge of life eternal; the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The First and Second Reading from Exodus 12:1-15 & 1 Corinthians 11:20-33.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem - "Calvary's Love"

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Calvary's love will sail forever
Bright and shining, strong and free
Like an ark of peace and safety
On the sea of human need,
Through the hours of all the ages
Those tired of sailing on their own
Finally rest inside the shadow
Cast by Calvary's love across their souls

Chorus

Calv'ry's love, Calv'ry's love,
Priceless gift Christ makes us worthy of,
The deepest sin can't rise above
Calvary's love

Calvary's love can heal the spirit
Life has crushed and cast aside
And redeem 'til heaven's promise
Fills with joy once empty eyes
So desire to tell His story
Of Love that loved enough to die,
Burns away all other passions
And fed by Calvary's love, becomes a fire

Repeat Chorus

Calvary's love has never faltered
All its wonders still remains
Souls still take eternal passage
Sins atoned and heaven gained

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:35-49.

People Glory be to Thee, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to Thee, Lord Christ.

The Sermon by Ptr. Jefferson Sia

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
conceived by the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

And now dearly beloved, let us give ourselves to prayer, asking God that all His children may be made one through the blessed sacrament gift which our Lord gave us this night.

V For Your holy catholic Church spread abroad through all the world that it may be one in the bond of love, and offer one sacrifice of praise, we pray to You, O Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

V For Nestor Poltic Sr. our prime bishop, for James Boliget our bishop and for all bishops and other ministers that both in their teaching and in their lives they may be conformed to the example of the eternal High Priest, we pray to You, O Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

V For all the nations of the world, and for their leaders, for our country and for Ferdinand Marcos Jr. our president, that oppression, hatred, and war may cease, and all know Christ's reconciling love, we pray to You, O Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

V For all of us in this community, for our neighbors, families and friends, that we who tonight share in the Lord's Supper may be of one heart and one mind in Christ's service, we pray to You, O Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

V For our enemies, that we may love them as Christ loved those who hated Him, we pray to You, O Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

V For the sick, the afflicted and sorrowful, for the poor, the hungry, and all in need, that they may offer their suffering in union with Christ's suffering and share in His redeeming love, we pray to You, O Lord.

R **Lord, have mercy.**

V Gathered together in the Communion of Saints, let us commend ourselves to one another and all men and women to the loving-kindness of Christ who died to save us all.

R **To You, O Christ our Savior and our Lord.**

V Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant

O Christ, ever giving Yourself that the world may live; who has taught us that those who would follow You must be ready to lose their lives for Your sake. Grant us so to receive within our souls the power of Your eternal sacrifice, that in sharing Your cross we may share Your glory, and at the last day be made perfect in Your love. Amen.

Confession

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor in silence.

Silent Confession

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, we do not trust in our own merits to come to Your table, but in Your boundless grace. You have invited us to come to the table of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to partake of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may ever-more live in Him, and He in us. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you." The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

People sit

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14, 15*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

#197 - "At The Cross"

Verse 1

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

“十字架”

- 1 主耶穌背十字架，
受盡鞭打詈罵，
一步一步行向前，
到各各他山頂。

Chorus

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Verse 2

Near the cross a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.

Verse 3

Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me.

After the offerings are collected, the people sing

All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins He was lifted high upon the cross, that He might draw the whole world to Himself; and, by His suffering and death, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts,

和: 十字架, 十字架,
永是我的榮耀,
我衆罪都洗清潔,
只靠耶穌寶血.

2 主耶穌釘十字架,
替我還清罪債,
為我罪主受重刑,
在各各他山頂.

3 主耶穌釘十字架,
染血的十字架,
顯明主贖罪恩情,
我當思念無停.

heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us in Your image, and, when we fell into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

V. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

R. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn # 101 “Old Rugged Cross”

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Verse 1

On a hill far away
stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross
where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus

So I'll cherish that old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it someday for a crown.

Verse 2

O that old rugged cross,
so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;

“在各各他山頂”

1 在各各他山頂，
十架孤立分明，
主耶穌在彼受極刑，
祂是上帝聖子，
受盡凌辱疼痛，
流寶血救贖我的性命。

和： 我要高聲稱頌主十架，
高舉十架好膽做見證，
直到主不久坐雲降臨，
被提空中仰望祂光榮。

2 一般人的意見，
十字架可厭賤，
因為不識救贖恩典，
主慘死在十架，
為着拯救天下，
祂功勞的確存到萬世。

for the dear Lamb of God
left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross,
stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for t'was on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

3 我願意背十架，
榮耀的十字架，
甘願受人輕視辱罵，
不久主要再來，
可與祂相見面，
享受尊貴榮耀無窮盡。

Stripping of the Altar

Celebrant

Let us take our seats with our thoughts on Jesus, while witnessing in silence the stripping of the altar, and the meaning of His sacrifice

Wooden stands and white cloth on altar will not be placed. No music is played. The following objects will disappear from the image in sequence:

- *Chalices – taken out on a tray right after Communion*
- *Flowers*
- *Candle Stands*
- *Eucharistic Candles*
- *Book Stand*
- *Fold the Corporal*
- *Roll the plastic covering from right to left*
- *Fold the Frontal*
- *Fold the banners of the Epistle side and Gospel side*

The Dismissal

No closing hymn. The following words will be flashed on-screen.

Join us tomorrow at 9:00AM for our Good Friday service.